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Hardeeville

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

PRT HAPPENINGS

SCREEN ON THE GREEN DEBUTS IN MARCH

Hardeeville's PRT Department is excited to announce its NEW outdoor movie program this month! **The Screen on the Green** is a **FREE** family event that shows movies on a big 20ft outdoor inflatable screen. Programs and Events Manager, Brittany Thomas has a fantastic lineup of 5 movies over the course of the next few months. "Bringing more programs and events like the Screen on the Green to Hardeeville is key to our departments' growth, especially as we expand and see the increased need for more recreational opportunities for our residents and families" says PRT Director Jennifer Combs.

The department set out on a mission to enhance its programs and events keeping the overall mission and vision of the department at its core. The result has been an array of new programs and events. Brittany Thomas can't wait to showcase this event for the community. When asked what she is most looking forward to, she says "being able to see the wonder in the children's eyes as they watch the movies on the big screen under the stars".

The first Screen on the Green is Friday, March 29th 6:30 PM-9:30 PM (pre-program events include Fire Safety!) Movie starts at around 7:30ish call us for more information!

TURF FIELD GETS A SCOREBOARD UPGRADE

The Hardeeville Grants Administrator in conjunction with the PRT Department applied for funding from the Jasper County Legislative Delegation for a Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) grant for a new scoreboard for the upgraded turf field located in the Richard Gray Complex behind City Hall. The City was awarded \$12,000 towards the purchase of a new scoreboard.

The City purchased the Nevco scoreboard through gov.quotes for \$17,900.00 which included installation. The scoreboard was installed on March 5th! We have space available on our Headline banner for sponsorships, call us for more information!



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RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (RAC)

- Sherry Carroll, Chair
- Kathy Talbot, Co-Chair
- Brana Snowden
- Amy Chester
- Kevin Lombard
- Ainsley Daley
- Vacant
- The Recreation Advisory Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every Month, 5:30 @ City Hall

Want to serve? Applications are online at the City's website. For more info, please call us (843) 784-2231

HIPPITY HOP...EASTER BUNNY'S ON HIS WAY!



The Easter Bunny is hopping into the city on Saturday, April 13th! Make plans for this fun family event now!

The PRT hosts this event annually and it's a popular event! Over 6000 eggs are tossed out over the bright green turf and sit ready for the "Go" so kids can

scramble to pick up as many eggs as they can!

Festivities get started at 10 AM at the Richard Gray Complex located behind City Hall (205 Main Street) and wrap up at 12. The Egg Hunt starts @ 11 AM so be sure to get there on time!



IN THE KNOW: "Did you know that the Hardeeville PRT throws out over 6000 eggs at it's annual Easter Egg Hunt?." NOW YOU KNOW

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Heart of Hardeeville Award Rhonda Cradle



Hardeeville Spark Plug Award Joey Rowell



EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

The "Fun Bus Committee" has been hard at work over the last few months planning the annual Employee Appreciation Day. The committee came up with the idea of having a breakfast for the employees, fun awards, two serious awards and bowling at station 300. The two awards that the employees could anonymously nominate their picks for were the Heart of Hardeeville and the Hardeeville Sparkplug Award.

This year, the committee held an employee breakfast at the Public Works Shop (Thank you to the hardworking PWD team and their efforts to not only spiffy up the place, but to help us set everything up). Breakfast was provided by the famous Chickin Lickin and it didn't disappoint, "yummy in my tummy"! Awards to include the fun awards (30 in total were awarded) and the (2) Mayor employee driven and chosen awards were awarded at this time.

The Fun Fact game was played and some were truly stumped by trying to figure out who the fun fact was in reference to. Time to plan for next years event already so get your fun facts in order peeps! Fun Bus Committee is looking for new members, join in the fun for 2020!

Lastly, employees closed out the day with additional fellowship and fun at Station 300 for pizza and bowling-Apparently, we have quite a few bowling superstars in our midst...WAY TO GO BILL, JOEL & Mr. Czymbor





Conceptual drawing by Whitmer, Jones and Keefer for the proposed dog park

HARDEEVILLE PLANS NEW DOG PARK

Dogs, Dogs, and more Dogs! The city is going to the DOGS! Man's best friend will soon enjoy a new Dog Park in the Richard Gray Complex behind City Hall. Get ready folks, it's time to find out WHO LET THE DOGS OUT!

The current space being used as a “dog Park” behind the complex ponds doesn’t afford enough space for an adequate dog and human friendly park. There isn’t any parking or a leashing area for owners to leash their furry friends before exiting the park. In addition, it can be dangerous by being so close to the ponds that on occasion house alligators.

The PRT Director, Jennifer Combs with help from PWD Director Rhett Lott set out to find an alternate location that would suits the needs of the dogs and their humans. With limited options of land inventory, two options were presented and finally narrowed down to one that would best suit the park (Lot beside the existing basketball courts). The PRT Director and Neil Parson's visited the recently opened Bluffton Dog Park to envision a plan for Hardeeville. Mr. Parson's will be applying for \$19,000 in left over grant funds from the PARD fund and with approximately \$41,000 set aside for fencing in the CIP, we are planning on bringing our City a brand new dog park for the community to enjoy. The

project should take no more than 6 months to complete depending on the outcome of the grant request.



HARDEEVILLE SEEKS DONORS FOR ITS NEW DOG PARK

Every idea begins with a simple dream. PRT has been dreaming up the NEW DOG PARK but needs your help!

We are seeking donations towards the DOG PARK BUILD to include

- Themed hydrants H₂O stations
- Pet Waste Stations
- Benches
- Trees
- Stationary Obstacles
- And more!

If you want more information on how you can be a part of the new DOG PARK by giving generously to our park, call the PRT Director for more information

(843)-784-2231

BARK IN THE PARK COMING...

JUNE 1st

- Vaccination Clinic
Pet Walk
Demonstrations
Adoptions

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO



GOT AN IDEA FOR PRT?

LET US KNOW

CONTACT US

(843)784-2231

OR

STOP BY OUR OFFICE

LOCATED AT

1612 PLANTATION DRIVE

HARDEEVILLE SC 29927



WE'RE HIRING

Summer Intern

ATTENTION all college PRT students! Do you have a passion for parks, recreation and of course tourism? Look no further than Hardeeville PRT for your PAID internship. That's right, PAID internship. Join our team and be a part of one of the fastest growing cities in SC and learn the ins and outs of the biz.

Contact Brittany Thomas for more information.

(843) 784-2231 or by email
bthomas@hardeevillesc.gov



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

SCREEN ON THE GREEN

Friday March 29th-
Friday April 26th-
Friday May 31st-
Friday August 30th-
Friday September 27th-

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Moana
The Incredibles 2
Aquaman
How to Train Your Dragon 3
Bumblebee

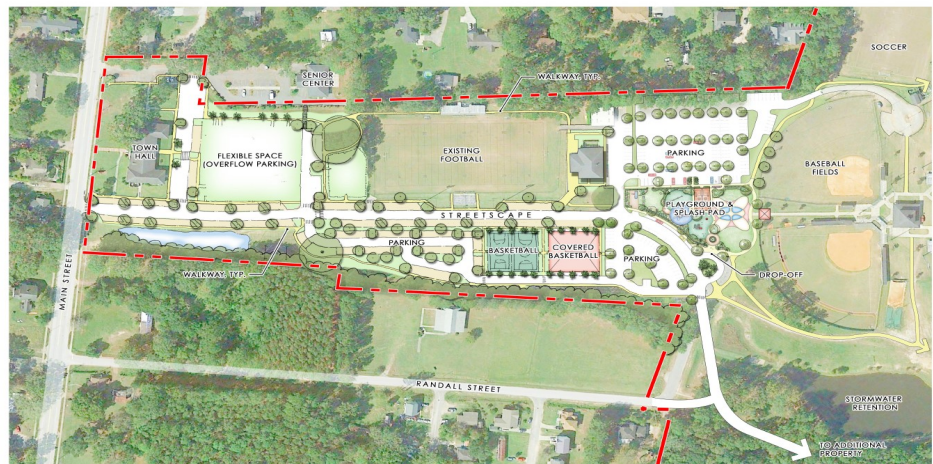


**Movies begin at dusk
205 Main St.
Hardeeville, SC 29927**

For more information contact Hardeeville Parks, Recreation
& Tourism Department:
(843)784-2231 or bthomas@hardeevillesc.gov



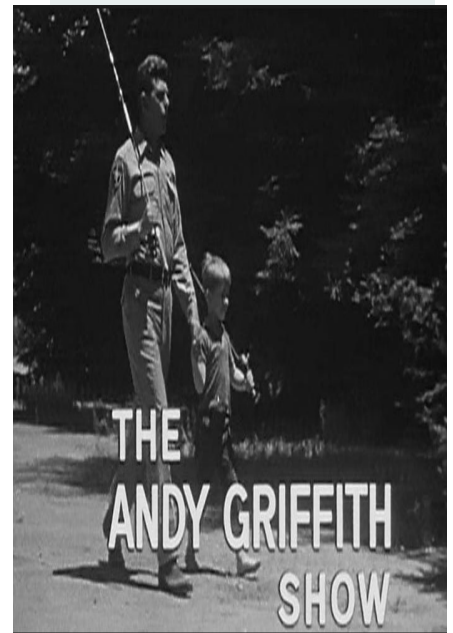
**RICHARD GRAY COMPLEX MASTER PLAN...COMING SOON! BE
A PART OF HOW WE DEVELOP OUR PARK IN THE FUTURE**



FISHING RODEO MAKES A COMEBACK

May 4th will mark the return of the Annual Fishing Rodeo here in Hardeeville. The fun traditional pastime is a favorite among many in Hardeeville. Reminiscing on the days of the Andy Griffith Show when times were more simple, we see the iconic image of Andy and Opie headed off to fish...a right of passage for many in our area. Many kids start out their love of fishing participating with their parents or grandparents at a fishing rodeo, so we are inviting you to be a part of this traditional family event this year.

PRT has established a Fishing Rodeo Committee with partners and community citizens to help plan and secure funding for the event. The Committee has held two meetings already. The next meeting is planned for March 13th @ 11 AM at the Public Work Shop (PRT current offices). We also received a \$1500 sponsorship from Cleland Site Prep Inc. and \$400 from Gunley Stump Grinding Inc & Scianna Painting. A big thank you to all of the members serving to make this a great event for our community youth.



"No life is so happy and so pleasant as the life of the well-govern'd angler"
~ Izaak Walton

LOOKING AHEAD 4 MORE EVENTS ON TAP...

PRT is always busy and planning the next program or event. Whether it's Bark in the Park, Fireworks Celebration or an outdoor movie, we have something for everyone.

As we look ahead, we have several events on tap including the Bark in the Park, the much anticipated 4th off Main Fireworks Celebration in honor of our Independence Day, many Screen on the Green outdoor movies, 2nd Annual Battle of the Badges, and the NEW city wide large scale festival "Hardeeville's Festival on Main".

There is so much we offer, you just have to join us in the fun as we celebrate together as the BEST Community to live, work and play in!

HOT OFF THE PRESS

4th off Main Fireworks Celebration

June 29th (Time TBD)

Muddy Creek to perform, they are a crowd pleaser and are excited to perform for Hardeeville.

Cats out of the BAG...the Show Stopper for the Inaugural Hardeeville Festival on Main is.....

THE SWINGIN MEDALLIONS

You asked, we delivered! We can't wait for the event! We are packing it slam full of awesomeness, you don't want to miss out so mark your calendars now Nov 1-2, 2019

We need your help!

PRT has established a committee for the City Festival (Hardeeville's Festival on Main) and is now seeking members to serve on the subcommittees. If you are interested in serving, please contact the PRT Director Jennifer Combs either by phone (843) 784-2231 or by email jcombs@hardeevillesc.gov.

We have the following 5 subcommittee's to serve on:

Entertainment/Finance/Logistics

Marketing/Fundraising-Sponsorships

